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Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	May 12, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member, Secretary
Amy Blansfield, Professional Member
Angela Smith, Professional Member
Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wayne Woodzell, Professional Member
Julie Knowles, Professional Member, Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT

Philip Allen – DPTA
Marybeth Glasheen-Wray – PT
Brian Weisman
Adam Balik, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Welcome New Board Member

Mr. Schneider welcomed the new Board member. The Board introduced themselves to Ms. Kaza.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Deliberations from Rule and Regulation Hearing – Dry Needling and Telehealth

Ms. Davis-Oliva addressed the Board with the verbal comment that was taken at the January 27, 2015 meeting from Marybeth Glasheen-Wray and that Ms. Glasheen-Wray asked the Board to consider allowing on videoconference to be done on the 12th visit instead of in person due to the rural areas in Sussex County. On February 11, 2015 the Board received written comment from Lee Delorme. Mr. Delorme stated in his letter that he feels the 25 hours of training for a PT to begin performing dry needling is irresponsible and inadequate. Mr. Delorme stated that while the 25/54 hours of training proposed fits neatly within the pre-existing training models that are currently available, it is not the Board's mandate to design rules and regulations to match these training models especially at the risk of patient safety and responsible professional standards.

Ms. Davis-Oliva explained to the Board that they need to deliberate on the proposed rules and regulations and to take into consideration the comments brought forth to the Board.

The Board deliberated on the comment about having a videoconference on the 12th visit. The Board members felt that since adding telehealth to the Statute and Rules & Regulations, this changes what is currently in the rules to every 6th visit being in person to every 12th visit. The Board felt that the supervising physical therapist needs to see the patient at least on the 12th visit since they can now do teleconference on the 6th visit. The Board decided to leave the rule as currently proposed.

The Board deliberated on the comment about dry needling training hours. The Board felt that the Dry Needling subcommittee did their research and due diligence to come up with the hours needed for the standards for a Physical Therapist performing the dry needling. The Board decided to leave the rule as currently proposed.

Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to accept the regulations as proposed. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Board Chair Signing of Hearing Officers Recommendation

Jessica Oliver

The signing of the hearing officer's recommendation was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Propose to Deny Hearing – Brian Weisman

The minutes for the hearing will follow the regular minutes below.

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to ratify licensure by examination and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Olivia Goldschmidt (AT)
Zainab Ibrahim (PT)
Jesselee Mata (PT)
David Orejana (PT)
Aalap Shah (PT)
Ashley LePore (PT)
Shikha Vaidya (PT)

Charlton Cabios (PT)
Sungsim Kim (PT)
Jose Rolio Mula (PT)
Jerah Schaefer (PT)
Amar Sonar (PT)
Jeffrey Ho (PT)

Shekelia Hines (PT)
Ian Cesar Luardo, Jr. (PT)
Jocelyn Odasco (PT)
Sonia Sharma (PT)
Raquel Ramos (PT)
Thomas Hansmeier (PT)

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify licensure by reciprocity and approve the following as noted below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Benjamin Wendle (PT)
Bernard Martin (PT)
Emma McKenzie (PT)

Andrew DePietropuolo (PT)
David Behringer (AT)
Stephanie White (AT)

Alexis Shiller (PT)
Sarvari Kunta (PT)
Patricia Pritchard (PTA)

Justin DePermentier (PT)
Molly Mattea (AT)

Sara Rink (PTA)

Benjamin Schivley (PTA)

Review PT/PTA/AT Applications by Examination

After the Board reviewed the application, Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to approve Mr. Paul Tran's application by examination with special accommodations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the application, Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to approve Mr. Rene Navarro's application by examination with special accommodations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint # 14-03-13 – Closed by Investigator

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the following continuing education courses as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

University of Delaware – Delaware's 21st Annual Inclusion Conference – .45 CEUs
Ossur Americas – Team Outcomes and Prosthetic Practices Workshop – 1.1 CEUs
Doug Huisenga – Christiana Care Health System – Neurovascular Symposium - .6 CEUs
Elena Doherty – VEDA, University of Pittsburgh & APTA – Vestibular Rehab: An Advanced Course & Update – 1.85 CEUs
Delaware Association for Home & Community Care – Collaborative Relationships: Improving the Home Care Experience - .6 CEUs
Diane Behnke, Therapy Services of DE – Size Matters Handwriting Program Proven and Practical - .6 CEUs
Heather Gonzalez – Brain Injury Assn of DE – Joined Voices, Shared Journeys: The Brain Injury Experience - .525 CEUs
PESI, Inc. – Nutrition Intervention for Managing Diabetes and Complications: Latest Evidence-Based Strategies - .625 CEUs
EDUCATA – The Shoulder in Sports - .3 CEUs
Julie Korenkiewicz – Therapy Services of DE – Round Table Discussion of the Evaluation Process in the School Setting - .2 CEUs
University of Delaware Physical Therapy Club – Application of Clinical Anatomy: Let Palpation Drive Your Clinical Examination – 1.4 CEUs
Delaware Association for Home and Community Care - .6 CEUs
Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association Rehab Department – Pharmacology in Rehabilitation - .65 CEUs

Discussion: Supervision of Physical Therapists seeking sports physical therapy certification

This discussion has been tabled.

Discussion: Physicians' use of physical therapy prescription pads

This discussion has been tabled.

Discussion: Rule 4.0 – modification of treatment plan by PTA

This discussion has been tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Mangler spoke to the Board about a new Bill being submitted on Telehealth under title 18 in reference to reimbursements pieces and to ensure Telehealth becomes a way of actually delivering care to patients for insurance purposes.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner
Administrative Specialist III

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.

HEARING MINUTES

HEARING – EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS and ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The Delaware Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers held a hearing on March 24, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT: Jeff Schneider, Sam Sullivan, Waheedah Shabazz, Amy Blansfield, Angela Smith, and Prameela Kaza

PURPOSE: Propose to Deny

PRESIDING: Jeff Schneider, Vice Chairperson

BOARD STAFF: Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE BOARD: Patricia Davis-Oliva, DAG

ATTORNEY FOR THE RESPONDENT: Adam Balik

RESPONDENT: Brian Weisman

TIME STARTED: 4:50 p.m.

The hearing was recorded and verbatim testimony was given. Ms. Davis-Oliva confirmed that Mr. Brian Weisman was present. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Davis-Oliva entered documents as Board Exhibit 1, application and notification letters. Ms. Davis-Oliva entered documents from Respondent as Applicant Exhibit 1, letter from Mr. Balik, Mr. Weisman's attorney and Applicant Exhibit 2, 3 letters of recommendations. Mr. Balik spoke to the Board about his client. Mr. Weisman spoke to the Board addressing the proposal to deny. The Board asked Mr. Weisman questions. The Board deliberated on the proposal to deny for Mr. Weisman due to a consent agreement that Mr. Weisman received in Maryland. After deliberations, the Board found that Mr. Weisman is competent and capable to be licensed in Delaware. Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to grant a waiver and licensure in Delaware to Mr. Brian Weisman.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The hearing concluded at 5:15 p.m.